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INFORMATION NOTE

Briefing on the “Countdown to Rio”

On behalf of the Director-General, I have the honour to invite Permanent Missions to a briefing on the status of preparations, expected outcomes and implications of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) for UNIDO. The briefing will take place on

Friday, 18 May, at 3:30 p.m. in room M-3 (M-building).

The event will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Julio Cezar Zelner Gonçalves, Permanent Representative of Brazil to UNIDO and Mr. Kandeh K. Yumkella, Director-General. It is intended that Ms. Elizabeth Thompson, Executive Coordinator for the UNCSD Rio + 20 Conference, will present the main themes and objectives of the Rio + 20 Conference as well as the status of preparations and negotiations of the outcome document. It is also foreseen that detailed information be provided by the Secretariat on UNIDO contributions to Rio+20, including the UNIDO side events and the outcome document.

The discussions will be succeeded by a question and answer period followed by a reception hosted by the Director-General in M-building for all participants of the briefing.

Any queries related to the briefing may be addressed either to Mr. Dmitri Piskounov, Managing Director, Programme Development and Technical Cooperation Division, telephone: (01) 26026 5578 or e-mail: d.piskounov@unido.org; or myself at telephone: (01) 26026 3708 or e-mail: f.haidara@unido.org

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